

Subsection (b) of 35 USC 132, effective on May 29, 2000,  
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application  
filed on or after June 8, 1995.  
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

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| Application No.      | 09/697,678        | 10/16/ |
| Filing Date          | October 27, 2000  |        |
| First Named Inventor | Ryosuke TANIGUCHI |        |
| Group Art Unit       | 2834              |        |
| Examiner Name        | M. Budd           |        |
| Attorney Docket No   | 400906            |        |

**NOTE:** 37 CFR 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 CFR 1.53(d) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See *Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice*, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000). 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered.)
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
- iii. ☐ Other:
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Form PTO-1449
- v. ☐ Copies of documents listed in Form PTO-1449
- vi. ☐ Other:

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a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required.)

b. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

c. ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

- i. ☒ RCE fee of \$740.00 (large entity) required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)
- ii. ☒ Second month extension of time fee of \$290.00 (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Suspension of action fee of \$130.00 (37 CFR 1.17(i))
- iv. ☐ Other:

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| \$740.00 |
| \$290.00 |

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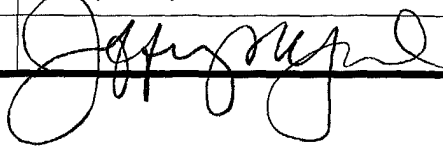
- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed
- c. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the above fees to Deposit Account No. 12-1216
- d. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in the above fees or to credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 12-1216

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**Request For Continued Examination Transmittal**

Application No. 09/697,678

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| SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY OR AGENT REQUIRED |   |                                   |                  |
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| Name (Print/Type)                                  | Jeffrey A. Wyand  | Registration No. (Attorney/Agent) | 29,458           |
| Signature  |  | Date                              | October 11, 2002 |

RCE Transmittal (Revised 04/26/02)